

ROOT CROPS ARE MOST IMPORTANT

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RADISHES NEED SMALL SPACE

Rich, Well-Prepared Soil is Essential and Good Seed Should Be Used—Parsnips and Salsify Deserve Attention.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Root crops may easily grow in home gardens are radishes, beets, carrots, parsnips, turnips, and turnips. Of these beets and carrots stand at the head of the list from the stand-point of food value. In a given area of land, however, it is difficult to grow, while the root crops realize is the most important, say garden specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Radishes are among the first garden crops to be planted in spring, and a very small space is required to produce all that is needed by the average family. The soil should be loose, moist, and well-drained. Radishes grow quickly and bear well and tender. Radish seeds should be planted in a shallow furrow and covered about one-half inch deep. Two or three varieties should be planted in order to have a continuous supply. French Breakfast and Scarlet Globe, Turnip and American those which mature in the shortest period, while Long Scarlet Short-Top and Long White Vienna or Lady Finger are slow to follow the extra early varieties.

Plant Beets Early.

Garden beets can be planted almost as soon as the soil can be worked in the spring. Rich soil is well prepared so that the roots will be large and well-filled. Well-rotted manures are best to supply plant food, but should be very thoroughly mixed with the soil. Egyptian and Detroit Dark Red are among the leading varieties. Seeds are sown in rows, 10 inches apart, a ounce to 50 feet of drill, and cover about 1 inch deep. When the plants have become well established thin so they do not crowd. A little thinning is all that is needed. The plants should be 5 inches apart in the row. Use the thinnings as greens. The round or turnip type of beets mature in 60 to 70 days, while the longer ones require 100 to 120 days to complete their growth.

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FEEDING VALUE OF GARBAGE

Affords Hope Well-Balanced Foods Are Not Necessary.

Most garbage is of such variety that it enables a hog to balance its ration so that supplemental feeds are not required. Hogs, however, are animals are finished off on corn, barley, wheat middlings and corn feed just before they are marketed. The feeding value of garbage, however, especially compared to commercial garbage, is small. It is seldom necessary to use any additional grain supplement. However, when grain is low in price, good results might be obtained by feeding garbage alone during the summer months. In winter, however, the hogs are fed on grain. Greater gains per day can be made with a grain supplement, but at greater cost than when garbage is fed alone.

CAUSE OF SORE SHOULDERS

Sweat and Dirt Chafing Skin, Making It Tender, Reason—Trouble Is Preventable.

During the first spring work many horses suffer from sore shoulders. Great care should be taken that these do not get a start.

Good care and good care of them are essential. See that the collars are clean and dry, and that the leather is smooth, dry and soft, so the leather roots will have a chance to develop. Plant the seed early, so the plants will grow well started before the heat of summer comes. Keep the plants growing, the roots growing. The roots should be 15 to 18 inches apart, and the plants thinned to stand four inches apart in the row. Parsnips and salsify may remain in the ground all winter until wanted for use. The crown is the leading variety of parsnip, while Mammoth, which is Island is the known variety of salsify.

MANURE APPLIED IN WINTER

Applying Fertilizer During Cold Months Is Better Than Doing Work in Spring.

Don't postpone your fertilizing until spring. Well-rotted manure is the best form that can be used. Fresh manure spread during the winter and plowed under in the spring is better than spring spreading and turning under, while fresh manure left under the eaves of the barn or out in the rain this winter will lose most of its fertility before spring comes.

BEST ORCHARD CULTIVATION

If Intercropping Is Practiced It Is Better to Grow Some Crop Like Strawberries.

The orchard should be kept clean. The best practice is to cultivate and deep but shallow, in order not to disturb the roots, and not too close to the trees, for the same reason. If intercropping is to be practiced it is far better to have a crop, such as radishes between the trees, as small bush fruits, and keep the remainder of the ground cultivated, than to permit grass sod or weeds to get a start.

TO PRODUCE QUALITY FRUIT

Soil Must Have Most Careful Attention Where Trees Are Planted Close Together.

Closet trees are going to need every favor possible in the way the soil is handled in order to continue to produce quality fruit. This means, for the most part, that intercropping is to be encouraged unless the soil is unusually rich and suitable application of the proper fertilizers is made.

Good For Home Use.

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Linseed, even in large quantities, may be spread upon the land in crops, and no injury will result to the crops by so doing.

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Geese Easy to Handle.

Geese, under favorable conditions, are the easiest of all domestic fowls to handle. If there is good pasture provided with water the geese may be let to themselves half or more of each year.

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Don't feed the newly hatched chicks until they are at least 48 hours old and 72 is better.

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Red Newly Hatched Chicks.

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Dresses Ready for Melons.

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A Fad in Plaids.

Overalls from ten to twelve inches square on plain grounds, is an extreme design on fabrics brought out for caps.

MANY WAYS IN WHICH PEANUTS ARE USEFUL

During Cold Weather Goobers Are Drug on Market.

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